

September 2007

Principal's Message

On behalf of all the staff of St. Mary's School I would like to welcome all the parents and students back to another exceptional year of catholic education. As a staff, we look forward to developing warm and open relationships with our families as we work together to ensure that your children receive the best education possible. I am excited about the upcoming year, as I know we have an outstanding staff to work with your wonderful children. On the first school day of each month, your youngest child will be asked to bring home a newsletter, outlining the activities for the month.



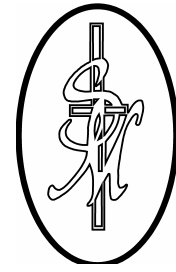
We invite all parents to be active participants in the life of our school. We will be requiring volunteers in a number of areas. You can sign up as a volunteer at "Meet the Teacher Night" on September 12th.

The theme for Catholic Education throughout our Diocese this year is "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – WEAVING A TAPESTRY OF FAITH". We will recall this theme as our children work, pray and play together. Please join us for our school masses throughout the year.

Remember, at St. Mary's School, We put our Faith in Learning!

Important Dates to Remember

September 12th— Meet the Teacher Night @ 7pm in the Gym
September 13th—Individual Student Photographs
September 14th—School Mass @ 9am (Lead by the grade seven class)
September 18th—Parent Support Group Mtg @ 7pm in the staffroom.
September 18th—Sight and Sound Band Rental and Workshop
September 21st—Pro D Day (No School)
September 25th—School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
September 27th—Terry Fox Run @ 1:30 pm
September 28th—Assembly in Gym @ 1:30 pm



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Back to School Tips:

- *Find a safe route to and from school and practice the route with your children.*
- *Be punctual, as this will allow your child full participation in class and will prevent disruptions to his or her class.*
- *Insist on breakfast. It provides necessary fuel for the brain to learn*
- *Let your children see you read, and set aside time each day for family reading.*
- *Set up a homework area away from the TV, with adequate supplies and lighting.*

Student Notices

Kids for Kindness—The theme for September is Courage. Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing.

Terry Fox Run – This will take place at 1:30 pm on Thursday, September 27th. This year marks the 28th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. Students and teachers will walk or jog around a scheduled route for approximately 30 minutes. Pledge forms will be sent home with the students.

Band Rental and Workshop with Sight & Sound – The workshop will take place on September 18th. Further information to follow from Mrs. Greenwood.

Parent Announcements

Library – All students are required to bring a plastic bag in order to sign out books.

Uniform - All grades 1-7 must wear the school uniform. **Girls:** Light blue crested polo shirt, light blue blouse, royal blue crested sweatshirt, vest, or fleece. Grey tunic, dress pants, skirt or walking shorts.

Boys: Light blue crested polo shirt, light blue dress shirt, royal blue crested sweatshirt, vest, or fleece. Grey dress pants, cords or walking shorts. For ordering information please contact the office.

Meet the Teacher Evening – is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th from 7 – 8:30 pm. We will begin with a welcome and slide presentation at 7 pm in the gym. There will be representatives from School Council, PSG and you'll get to see your child's class!

Read Around the House – This program sponsored by our PSG encourages students to read (or be read to) each day. At the end of the month a book draw takes place for those students returning forms. Look for your child to be bringing the form home soon.

Parent Handbooks – If you are new to the school and have not picked up your parent handbook, please pick one up from Mrs. Boyes in the school office.

Picking up your child at school—Please wait in the hallway outside the office and not in the

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school hallway as this is a potential fire hazard. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuition - All tuition payments will be applied to any outstanding balances first. Tuition is \$1500 per family. There is also a \$45 supply fee. Please pay this fee in September. Thank you.

Parent Support Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the school staff room. This is one way to be involved and make a difference at St. Mary's.

Local School Council – Meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the school library. All are welcomed to attend. Nominations are just around the corner. Please consider joining the school council, it is another method to help the children.

Desks— The school is getting new desks. If you would like a desk, please contact the school asap. All we are asking is a donation toward the St. Vincent de Paul society.

Are you interested in registering for Kindergarten for 08-09?—I know it seems early but the morning class is getting filled up, so get those registrations in.

Parking – There should be no parking behind the carport or in the laneway (to the left of the carport) as this blocks in Fr. Richard and causes a traffic jam. Please No vehicles on the school grounds as this is for your children’s own safety.

Peanut Free Facility—A reminder to new and old parents that our school is a peanut free school.



Lunch – Please pack a nutritious lunch for you child. If you need to drop off a lunch for your child, please leave it with Mrs. Boyes and she will make sure your child receives it.

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Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to re-

fer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a

regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

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to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.